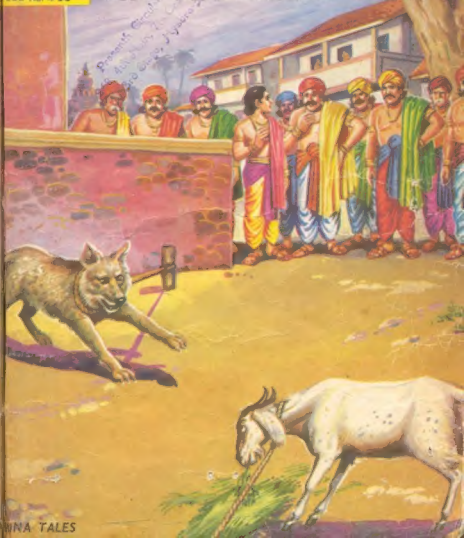


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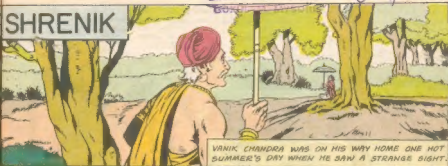
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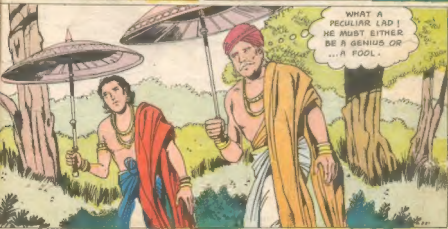
## SHRENIK



YOUNG MAN SITTING IN THE SHADE OF A TREE WITH HIS UMBRELLA HELD OVER HIS HEAD!



WHEN HE SAW VANIK CHANDRA, THE YOUTH STOOD UP.



AS THEY WALKED ON THEY CAME UPON A VILLAGE.

AH!! I AM HUNGRY. WE SHOULD GET SOMETHING TO EAT IN ONE OF THOSE HOUSES.



VANIK CHANDRA KNOCKED AT THE DOOR OF THE VERY FIRST HOUSE ON THEIR WAY.

WE ARE TRAVELLERS. GOOD SIR. COULD YOU...

THEN KEEP TRAVELLING!



AND DON'T STOP.

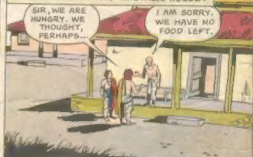
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VANIK CHANDRA TRIED ANOTHER HOUSE.

SIR, WE ARE HUNGRY. WE THOUGHT, PERHAPS...

I AM SORRY. WE HAVE NO FOOD LEFT.



THIS VILLAGE IS UNINHABITED.



WHAT DOES HE MEAN?



VANIK CHANDRA DID NOT ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION LEST HE BETRAY HIS OWN IGNORANCE.

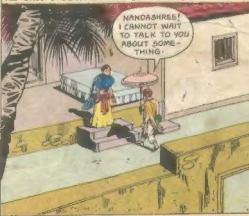
WHEN THEY CAME UPON A RIVER, VANIK CHANDRA TOOK OFF HIS SANDALS...

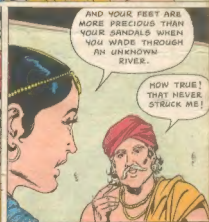


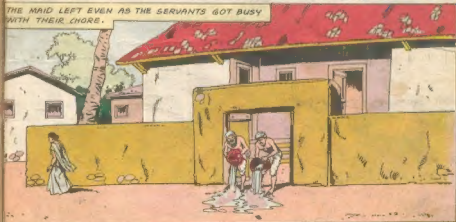
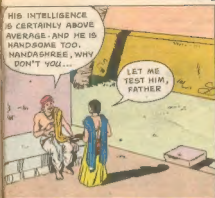
... BUT THE YOUNG MAN WADED THROUGH THE WATER WITH THEM ON!



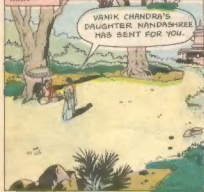
AS VANIK CHANDRA REACHED HOME, NANDASHREE, HIS ONLY DAUGHTER CAME OUT TO RECEIVE HIM.





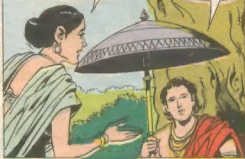


WHEN THE MAID FOUND THE YOUNG MAN —



I HAVE TO GO TO THE TEMPLE. I HOPE YOU WILL FIND YOUR WAY TO THE HOUSE.

I COULD IF YOU GAVE ME DIRECTIONS.



THE MAID JUST TOUCHED HER EAR AND LEFT.



THE EAR IS THE SYMBOL FOR A PALM TREE.



AND YOU FIND DIRT IN THE EAR.



SOON —

AH, HERE IS A HOUSE WITH A PALM TREE.



BUT THE SURROUNDINGS ARE CLEAN! THIS IS NOT THE HOUSE.

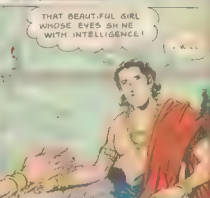












THEN ONE DAY —



YOU!

SH. I

PARDON ME  
SIR, WE HAVE BEEN  
LOOKING FOR YOU  
EVERYWHERE. YOUR  
FATHER WANTS TO  
SEE YOU. HE IS ILL



MY FATHER IS ILL.  
I HAVE TO LEAVE  
FOR MAGADHA  
AT ONCE



I WILL SEND FOR YOU  
AS SOON AS HE IS  
WELL

AND MEANS BY

DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS PASSED BUT  
THERE WAS NO SIGN OF SHRENIK



IN KANAKPUR WAS DELIVERED A CHILD



AN INFANT  
AND THE  
CHILD WENT  
FROM THIS  
VILLAGE THAT  
WAS BROUGHT  
AND SO MUCH  
MISERY.

THE CHILD ABHAYA KUMAR AS HE GREW UP SHOWED PROMISE  
OF OBTAINING BOTH HIS PARENTS IN A FEW HOURS  
ONE DAY -

MOTHER WHERE IS  
MY FATHER? TODAY  
YOU MUST ANSWER  
MY QUESTION.



YOUR FATHER  
LIVES IN  
MAGADHA.



WHAT IS  
HIS NAME?

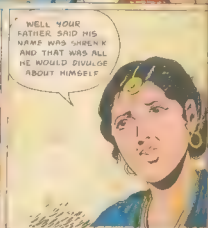


HE CALLED  
HIMSELF  
SHRENI

SHRENI'S  
SHRENI IS  
JUN MAHARAJA'S  
NAME



WELL YOUR  
FATHER SAID HIS  
NAME WAS SHRENI  
AND THAT WAS ALL  
HE WOULD DIVULGE  
ABOUT HIMSELF



HE WOULD NOT TELL US WHO  
HIS PARENTS WERE SO WE  
DON'T KNOW WHERE TO  
LOOK FOR HIM IN MAGADHA

HE MUST HAVE GIVEN  
THAT NAME BECAUSE  
AROUND THAT TIME  
SHREN K THE PRINCE  
HAD BEEN BANISHED  
BY THE LATE MAHARAJA  
PRASENAJIT.

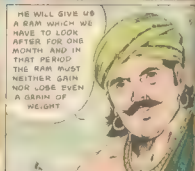
WHEN DID  
HE LEAVE FOR  
MAGADHA?

BEFORE  
YOU WERE  
BORN.

AROUND THE TIME  
PRASENAJIT RECALLED  
SHREN K AND CROWNED  
HIM KING

AND FATHER  
CALLED HIMSELF  
SHREN K.

HE DID NOT COME  
BACK. NOR DID HE  
SEND FOR YOUR  
MOTHER. YOUR  
MOTHER WAS ALWAYS  
IN TEARS SO  
DECIDED TO  
SHIFT TO THIS  
VILLAGE





MANY WERE THE VILLAGERS WHO ASPIRED FOR THE MINISTERSHIP

REMEMBER. YOU  
MUST BRING BACK  
YOUR RAM  
NEXT MONTH



2 MONTH LATER

MAHARAJ, THIS IS  
THE ONLY RAM WHICH  
HAS NEITHER GAINED  
NOR LOST WEIGHT



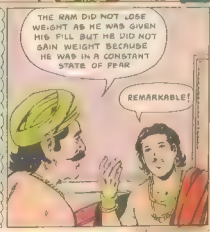
WHAT DID YOU  
FEED HIM?

ITS NORMAL DUT  
MAHARAJ GRABS  
BUT WE TIED A WOLF  
NEXT TO HIM



THE RAM DID NOT LOSE  
WEIGHT AS HE WAS GIVEN  
HIS FILL BUT HE DID NOT  
GAIN WEIGHT BECAUSE  
HE WAS IN A CONSTANT  
STATE OF FEAR

REMARKABLE!





# Quiz INDIA - 14

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## DID YOU KNOW...

that Paryushana which falls in the month of August, is a week-long festival of the Jains ?

that apart from fasting for the whole week, on the eighth day, every Jain goes round to young and old with folded hands begging their forgiveness for the wrongs knowingly and unknowingly done to them during the year ?



(A) Where is the Dilwara temple dedicated to the first Tirthankara of the Jains ?

(B) This 17 ft high Gomateshwar is a block of red world wide



- C. The Bodhi tree is associated with Buddha's enlightenment. Which tree is associated with Mahavira's?



- (D) Vardhamana Mahavira was the 24th Tirthankara of the Jains. How many Tirthankaras are there?

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## MY ANSWERS

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

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you should make some  
down-to-earth ones.



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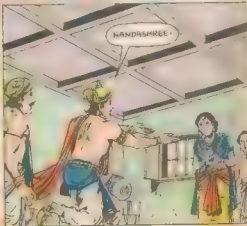
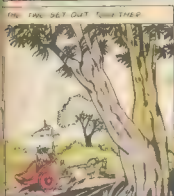


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SHRENIK THE STRANGER AND SHRENIK THE KING WERE  
THE SAME PERSON

HAD LOST HOPE OF EVER  
FINDING YOU SOON AFTER  
I BECAME KING I WAS BUSY  
WITH A SERIES OF WARS  
THAT HAD TO BE FOUGHT

THEN WHEN I WENT  
TO YOUR VILLAGE,  
FOUND NEITHER  
YOU NOR YOUR  
FATHER THERE

I SEEK YOUR  
BLESSINGS  
FATHER

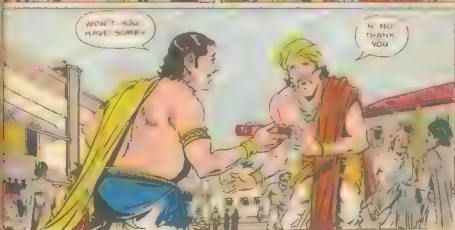
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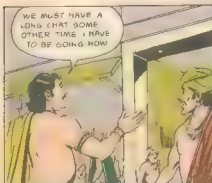
SHRENIK TOOK HIS WIFE AND SON TO MAGADHA  
WHERE THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER

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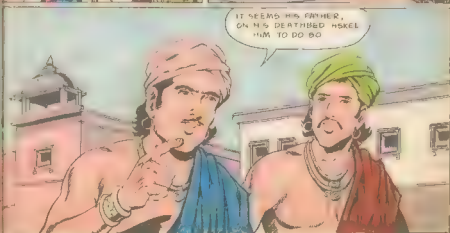


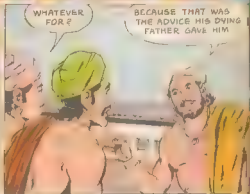
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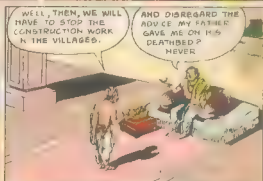








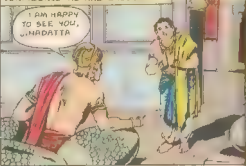
MEANWHILE AT JINADATTA'S HOUSE



JINADATTA IMMEDIATELY SET OUT TO SEE SOMADATTA.



THE WISE OLD SOMADATTA RECEIVED WITH AFFECTION THE SON OF HIS DEPARTED FRIEND WHOM CONFIDENCE HE HAD ENJOYED



I AM HAPPY TO SEE YOU, JINADATTA

YOU HAVE PUT ON A LOT OF WEIGHT. HAVE YOU BEEN EATING TOO MANY SWEETS?

YES. THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER ADVISED ME TO DO, UNCLE



DID HE ? WELL ...YOUR FATHER ALWAYS GAVE ADVICE IN SYMBOLIC TERMS



WHEN HE WANTED ME TO SPEAK PLEASANT WORDS HE'D SAY 'KEEP SWEETS IN YOUR MOUTH MY FRIEND'



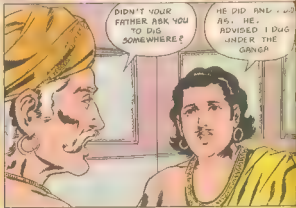
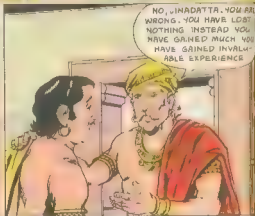
HOW ARE YOU  
FARING IN  
BUSINESS,  
JINADATTAP

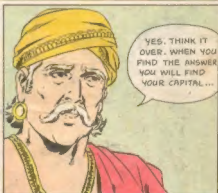
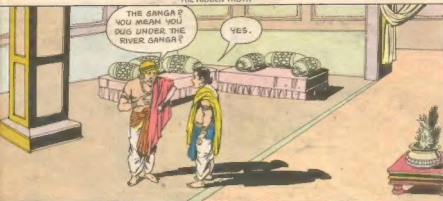
NOT VERY  
WELL, I AM  
AFRAID, SIR

EVEN THOUGH I HAVE  
HONESTLY AND FAITH  
FULLY BEEN FOLLOWING  
FATHER'S ADVICE

WHAT  
ADVICE?







BUT BY THEN HE HAD REACHED THE COURTYARD OF HIS HOUSE WHERE THE SIGHT OF A HERD OF CATTLE DIVERTED HIS THOUGHTS.



DO THEY BELONG TO US?

YES, SIR. ALL OF THEM.



AND I KNOW EACH ONE OF THEM BY NAME, SIR.



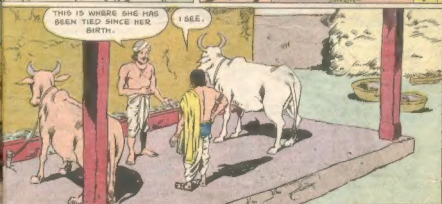
THIS IS YAMUNA!



THIS IS NARMADA. THE ONE BEHIND HER IS GAURI.







JINADATTA HAD THE PLACE DUG UP.



I THINK WE HAVE FOUND IT!  
I HAVE FOUND THE CAPITAL!



INDEED JINADATTA HAD FOUND HIS CAPITAL —  
AN URN OF GOLD COINS!



I WILL USE THIS  
GOLD WITH GREAT  
CARE.

THE FOLLOWING DAY —



JINADATTA,  
I HATE TO  
TROUBLE YOU,  
BUT...



... COULD YOU  
PLEASE LEND ME  
A THOUSAND...



I AM SORRY,  
CHANDRASENA.  
I DON'T HAVE A  
COIN TO SPARE.

JINADATTA HAD LEARNT HIS LESSON. HE NOW HELPED ONLY THE DESERVING, AND USED THE  
REST OF HIS WEALTH TO EARN MORE THROUGH WISE INVESTMENT.